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SUBJECT: CONTACTS WITH PRC AMBASSADOR, WEI YUNG-CHING

1. IN EVENT IT MAY FORM PART OF A MORE GENERAL PATTERN, EMBASSY WISHES REPORT FOR THE RECORD NATURE OF CONTACTS WE HAVE HAD WITH CHINESE AMBASSADOR IN ANKARA.

2. SHORTLY AFTER AMBASSADOR'S ARRIVAL LAST SUMMER, CHINESE AMBASSADOR WEI INDICATED THROUGH A THIRD PARTY THAT HE WOULD ACCEPT COURTESY CALL ON HIM BY NEW AMBASSADOR. THIS CALL WAS MADE IN NOVEMBER, AND AMBASSADOR WEI RETURNED THE CALL IN FEBRUARY 1978, AT WHICH TIME HE NOTED IT WAS FIRST TIME HE HAD EVER BEEN IN AN AMERICAN EMBASSY. AT THAT TIME HE INDICATED HIS INTEREST, SHARED BY HIS GOVERNMENT, IN DEVELOPING DIALOGUE ON SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS PERIODICALLY IN FUTURE.

3. IN ADDITION US AND CHINESE AMBASSADORS HAVE MET FREQUENTLY AT SOCIAL OCCASIONS. AT ALL TIMES AMBASSADOR WEI HAS BEEN OPEN AND CORDIAL, AS HAS HIS WIFE, A MEDICAL DOCTOR.
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4. SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS DISCUSSED INVARIABLY RELATE TO US-TURKISH RELATIONS AND TURKISH ATTITUDES TOWARD NATO AND SOVIETS. AMBASSADOR WEI, WHO SPEAKS GOOD ENGLISH AND WHO HAS HELD PREVIOUS POSTS IN NEW DELHI, BOMBAY, CONAKRY, MAURITANIA, AND ACCRA USUALLY STRIKES THE SAME THEME: U.S. EMBARGO IS A MISTAKE WHICH SHOULD BE RECTIFIED

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AS SOON AS POSSIBLE; TURKEY SHOULD RECOGNIZE ITS "REAL ENEMY"
WHICH IS THE SOVIET UNION, NOT GREECE; TURKISH
CONNECTIONS WITH NATO REMAIN IMPORTANT; TURKS SHOULD BE MORE
CAREFUL IN EXPANDING THEIR ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH
SOVIET UNION. HE IS ALWAYS INTERESTED IN PROBING IN EACH
OF THESE AREAS, PARTICULARLY PROSPECTS FOR LIFTING EMBARGO.
CONVERSATION, HOWEVER, IS SELDOM DEEPLY SUBSTANTIVE.

5. AMBASSADOR WEI HAS NEVER INVITED AMBASSADOR TO
ANY FUNCTIONS AT CHINESE EMBASSY NOR RESPONDED IN THE
ONE CASE AN INVITATION WAS ISSUED TO HIM AND HIS WIFE
FOR A FUNCTION AT US EMBASSY RESIDENCE (SHOWING OF TV FILM
OF "ROOTS").
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